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# REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1898.

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Whole amount of taxes for 1897 committed to

C. F. Sleeper, Collector	.	.	.	\$5,429 60
Resident taxes	.	.	.	\$4,659 17
Non-Resident Taxes	.	.	.	725 35
Precinct Taxes	.	.	.	45 08
				<hr/> \$5,429 60

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## APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:

State tax	.	.	.	.	\$1,040 00
County tax	.	.	.	.	1,009 21
School tax	.	.	.	.	1,568 91
Precinct tax	.	.	.	.	45 08
Town tax	.	.	.	.	1,766 40
					<hr/> \$5,429 60

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## STATEMENT OF TAX COLLECTOR FOR 1896.

Amount due town on tax list of 1896, uncol-

lected Feb. 15, 1897	.	.	\$1,363 37
Interest accrued on same	.	.	44 34
			<hr/> \$1,407 71

## CONTRA.

By amount paid Town Treasurer	.	\$1,294 52
Abatement per order of Selectmen	.	68 85
Interest collected and paid Town Treasurer	.	44 34
		<hr/> \$1,407 71

## STATEMENT OF STATE TREASURER.

State tax of Francestown . . .		\$1,040 00
Due your town for insurance tax . . .	\$60 75	
“ Railroad tax . . .	79 36	
“ Savings Banks tax . . .	934 67	
“ Literary Fund . . .	71 30	
Leaving a balance due the town		109 61
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	\$1,149 61	\$1,149 61

## REPAIRING HIGHWAYS.

Paid G. H. Richardson, labor, May 6 . . .	\$24 00	
“ June 5 . . .	40 00	
“ July 2 . . .	40 00	
“ Nov. 6 . . .	51 00	
“ Dec. 4 . . .	11 00	
“ Feb. 15 . . .	15 50	\$181 50
Frank B. Crosby, Sept. 4 . . .	75	75
Hiram Lynch, June 5 . . .	2 77	2 77
Mason D. Andrews, July 2 . . .	6 30	6 30
T. F. Foote, Feb. 14 . . .	50	50
L. M. Bixby, Oct. 10 . . .	50	50
S. S. Brown, July 27 . . .	2 63	2 63
Nathan Chandler, Aug. 5 . . .	1 65	1 65
J. M. Morse, Sept. 4 . . .	3 75	
“ Feb. 15 . . .	1 20	4 95
Octavio La Porte, Sept. 10 . . .	1 50	1 50
C. W. Paige, Oct. 6 . . .	4 58	4 58
Jas. Daniels, Dec. 16 . . .	4 50	4 50
Mark A. Richardson, Dec. 27 . . .	1 00	1 00
Franck Gerrish, Feb. 8 . . .	6 15	6 15
W. R. Smith, Dec. 4 . . .	3 00	
“ Feb. 11 . . .	1 20	4 20
Moses Fisher, Feb. 14 . . .	1 57	1 57
Geo. W. Grimes, Jan. 5 . . .	2 25	



Paid Geo. W. Grimes,	July 2	.	\$6 75	
"	Aug. 7	.	6 55	
"	Sept. 4	.	4 50	
"	Oct. 2	.	6 75	
"	Nov. 6	.	1 50	
"	Feb. 11	.	1 25	\$29 55
Jacob Langdell,	June 5	.	6 50	6 50
Hiram Patch,	Feb. 12	.	1 75	1 75
Levi G. Putnam,	Feb. 12	.	8 25	8 25
George A. Duncklee,	June 5	.	5 50	5 50
George R. Smith, labor,	May 6	.	9 75	
"	June 5	.	27 75	
"	July 2	.	25 50	
"	Nov. 6	.	20 10	
"	Dec. 4	.	3 00	
"	Jan. 1	.	3 00	89 10
D. W. Dunckee,	May 6	.	8 25	
"	June 5	.	30 75	
"	July 2	.	27 00	
"	Aug. 7	.	3 22	
"	Nov. 6	.	7 05	76 27
John L. Shattuck,	May 6	.	9 75	
"	June 5	.	24 75	
"	July 2	.	26 25	
"	Nov. 6	.	1 80	62 55
John C. Richardson,	May 6	.	7 50	
"	June 5	.	21 00	
"	July 2	.	27 75	
"	Nov. 6	.	3 75	60 00
T.E.Fisher, bridge plank,	Nov. 23	.	19 99	19 99
E. W. Farnum,	May 6	.	39 00	
"	June 5	.	120 00	
"	July 2	.	119 00	
"	Oct. 2	.	26 17	
"	Nov. 6	.	18 00	322 17
Geo. D. Epps, labor and supplies,	Nov. 24	.	9 31	9 31

Paid John B. Case,	Nov. 27	.	\$1 80	\$1 80
Henry S. Knight,	Dec. 7	.	3 75	3 75
Hiram P. Clark,	Dec. 13	.	1 50	1 50
Burt W. Smith,	May 6	.	10 50	
"	June 5	.	30 75	
"	July 2	.	29 25	
"	Nov. 6	.	31 87	
"	Dec. 4	.	7 50	
"	Jan. 1	.	6 37	116 24
J. H. Preston, repairs,	June 5	.	2 87	2 87
F. C. Whitaker, repairs,	June 5	.	1 95	
"	July 2	.	1 65	
"	Feb. 12	.	65	4 25
John A. Holt,	June 5	.	1 20	1 20
George Richardson,	June 5	.	7 50	
"	Oct. 2	.	4 50	12 00
Ira Richardson, labor,	June 5	.	3 00	3 00
E. H. Bartlett,	July 2	.	2 25	2 25
Henry Morse,	July 23	.	7 50	7 50
N. D. Hopkins,	July 23	.	6 60	6 60
S. W. Eaton,	July 23	.	1 00	1 00
Samuel Newton,	July 2	.	6 75	6 75
Frank G. Putnam,	July 2	.	10 50	10 50
George Putnam,	July 2	.	3 00	3 00
J. H. Chandler,	July 2	.	21 00	21 00
E. A. Newton,	July 2	.	14 50	14 50
C. P. Bryant,	July 2	.	25 75	25 75
Frank Paige,	July 2	.	8 25	8 25
A. D. Stevens,	May 6	.	2 25	2 25
Henry Hood,	May 6	.	75	75
William Mumford,	May 6	.	2 25	
	June 5	.	28 50	
	July 2	.	24 00	
	Nov. 1	.	3 75	58 50
John B. Varick Co.,				
blasting material,	July 2	.	4 65	
	Nov. 6	.	3 00	7 65



Paid D. E. Proctor, drain pipe, Nov. 6	.	\$11 25	\$11 25
Concord Foundry Co., sewer			
grating and freight, July 29	.	3 32	SEE 3 32
			<u>\$1,253 42</u>

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#### BREAKING ROADS.

Paid F. A. Prescott	.	.	.	.	\$24 00
John C. Toombs	.	.	.	.	11 55
Almore Dennison	.	.	.	.	3 30
C. A. Lord	.	.	.	.	11 92
J. M. Morse	.	.	.	.	3 15
F. B. Crosby	.	.	.	.	60
C. P. Bryant	.	.	.	.	27 90
J. A. Flanders	.	.	.	.	22 55
J. H. Chandler	.	.	.	.	15 60
H. S. Bailey & Son	.	.	.	.	12 55
R. C. Woodward	.	.	.	.	23 40
W. A. Phelps	.	.	.	.	1 80
J. C. Flanders	.	.	.	.	4 30
John B. Case	.	.	.	.	13 50
B. O. Pettee	.	.	.	.	19 66
J. J. Henderson	.	.	.	.	60
Geo. W. Grimes	.	.	.	.	4 05
James N. Flanders	.	.	.	.	13 40
L. H. Belcher	.	.	.	.	47 50
Alvin Avery	.	.	.	.	1 35
W. H. Preston	.	.	.	.	18 82
P. M. Foote	.	.	.	.	13 64
George Richardson	.	.	.	.	3 00
H. F. Aitken	.	.	.	.	60
Benj. Weston	.	.	.	.	1 80
George Kingsbury	.	.	.	.	1 05
Ira Richardson	.	.	.	.	2 10
Moses Jellison	.	.	.	.	1 05
N. D. Hopkins	.	.	.	.	6 15
Daniel Barrett	.	.	.	.	68
H. A. Whitfield	.	.	.	.	1 95
George A. Shattuck	.	.	.	.	14 47

Paid Andy Holt	.	.	.	.	.	\$1 13
Harry Newton	.	.	.	.	.	13 50
C. E. Hopkins	.	.	.	.	.	3 35
E. W. Farnum	.	.	.	.	.	56 40
E. A. Newton	.	.	.	.	.	3 15
Henry Jelly	.	.	.	.	.	7 87
Charles Maynard	.	.	.	.	.	75
C. F. Bailey	.	.	.	.	.	90
George A. Duncklee	.	.	.	.	.	6 65
John L. Shattuck	.	.	.	.	.	90
Hiram Patch	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
F. H. Colburn	.	.	.	.	.	3 15
D. B. Tobie	.	.	.	.	.	2 50
Arthur Moses	.	.	.	.	.	35
W. K. Follansbee	.	.	.	.	.	1 95
Albert Dodge	.	.	.	.	.	20 23
S. E. Stevens	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
L. G. Putnam	.	.	.	.	.	8 40
A. W. Spaulding	.	.	.	.	.	1 35
James T. Woodbury	.	.	.	.	.	25 65
S. R. Abbott	.	.	.	.	.	11 63
E. H. Patch	.	.	.	.	.	3 90
F. H. Paige	.	.	.	.	.	19 20
Henry Stone	.	.	.	.	.	6 60
W. R. Smith	.	.	.	.	.	7 95
George R. Smith	.	.	.	.	.	6 60
J. A. Holt	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
E. H. Place	.	.	.	.	.	35
F. E. Gerrish	.	.	.	.	.	17 40
H. E. and E. L. Vose	.	.	.	.	.	98
H. E. Vose	.	.	.	.	.	60
W. F. Duncklee	.	.	.	.	.	5 65
Fred H. Epps	.	.	.	.	.	5 50
G. H. Richardson	.	.	.	.	.	13 90
William Terren	.	.	.	.	.	1 35
F. B. Starrett	.	.	.	.	.	2 85
Garvin S. Sleeper	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
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						\$601 63

## SHEEP DAMAGE.

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS.

Paid	J. A. Cummings, printing town reports	. . .	\$28 65
	S. R. Abbott, public watering trough	. . .	3 00
	S. D. Downes, insurance on town house	. . .	60 00
	Charles Hoag, fire watchman	. . .	2 75
	John W. Hastings, fire watchman	. . .	2 50
	Edson C. Eastman, order book, etc.	. . .	4 14
	A. H. Bixby, library appropriation	. . .	100 00
	Amasa Downes, sundries as per bill	. . .	38 13
	C. F. Sleeper, memorial appropriation	. . .	50 00
	J. M. Morse, guide board expenses	. . .	6 35
	George E. Downes, precinct tax	. . .	44 72
	Selectmen, printing bicycle notices	. . .	50
	J. W. Bruce, tuning piano	. . .	2 50
	C. E. Hopkins, repairs on town house	. . .	1 40
	Frank B. Crosby, police duty, and dog officer	. . .	8 40
	G. E. Vose, Fish Warden	. . .	2 00
	George E. Downes, county tax	. . .	1,009 21
	H. N. Whiting, interest on note	. . .	43 75
	D. B. Tobie, note and interest	. . .	206 67
	M. H. Balch, “	. . .	465 00
	Hattie A. Fuller, “	. . .	258 33
	H. N. Whiting, “	. . .	310 00
	George K. Wood, Woodbury Fund	. . .	60 00
	George R. Smith, services as watchman	. . .	2 00
	M. L. Colburn, supplies	. . .	1 17
	Elmer Wilson, public watering trough	. . .	3 00
	S. D. Downes, wood for library	. . .	4 00
	C. B. Gale, supplies	. . .	21 32



Paid George F. Pettee, interest on Clark legacy . . .	\$52 50
N. H. Wood, care of transient guests . . .	5 00
D. W. Duncklee, public watering trough . . .	3 00
James T. Woodbury, recording births and marriages . . .	5 70
S. R. Abbott, public watering trough . . .	3 00
E. D. Stevens, reporting births and deaths . . .	10 25
George E. Downes, exchange on checks . . .	1 10
W. F. Duncklee, public watering trough . . .	3 00
F. B. Starrett, " . . .	3 00
J. M. Morse, wood for town hall . . .	4 50
Nahum Russell, special abatement of tax . . .	10 00
C. F. Sleeper, rebate . . .	68 85
S. E. Stevens, cemetery work . . .	38 43
S. E. Stevens, services as sexton . . .	38 00
J. W. Hastings, lighting street lamps . . .	10 08
T. F. Foote, " . . .	30 38
J. T. Woodbury, wood for town hall . . .	3 00
A. N. Whitfield, care of town hall . . .	49 50
A. N. Whitfield, sawing wood for town hall . . .	3 75
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	\$3,082 53

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Edson H. Patch, services as Moderator . . .	\$2 50
Bixby and Pettee, services as Auditors . . .	4 00
Smith, Wood and Clark, services as Board of Education . . . . .	100 00
Richardson and Roper, services as Supervisors . . .	12 00
James F. Woodbury, services as Town and Dis- trict Clerk . . . . .	37 60
George E. Downes, services as Town Treasurer . . .	35 00
J. M. Morse, services as Selectman . . .	80 00
M. L. Colburn, services as Selectman . . .	74 62
L. M. Bixby, services as Selectman . . .	78 37
C. F. Sleeper, services as Collector of Taxes . . .	60 00
G. F. Pettee, services as Overseer of the Poor . . .	26 50
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	\$510.59

## SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

## J. M. MORSE'S BILL.

1897.

March 9	One day at town house	.	.	.	\$2 00
13	One-half day in office	.	.	.	1 00
25	Trip to Manchester and expenses	.	.	.	2 50
30	One day in office	.	.	.	2 00
31	"	.	.	.	2 00
April 1	One day taking invoices	.	.	.	2 00
2	"	.	.	.	2 00
3	"	.	.	.	2 00
4	"	.	.	.	2 00
5	"	.	.	.	2 00
6	"	.	.	.	2 00
7	"	.	.	.	2 00
9	"	.	.	.	2 00
10	"	.	.	.	2 00
12	One half day in office	.	.	.	1 00
14	One day in office	.	.	.	2 00
15	"	.	.	.	2 00
16	"	.	.	.	2 00
17	"	.	.	.	2 00
19	"	.	.	.	2 00
20	"	.	.	.	2 00
21	"	.	.	.	2 00
22	"	.	.	.	2 00
23	"	.	.	.	2 00
24	"	.	.	.	2 00
26	"	.	.	.	2 00
May 6	One day settling road account	.	.	.	2 00
June 5	One-half day settling road account	.	.	.	1 00
July 2	One day settling road account	.	.	.	2 00
Sept. 4	One-half day settling road account	.	.	.	1 00
4	One day perambulating New Boston Line	.	.	.	2 00
Oct. 2	One-half day settling road account	.	.	.	1 00
Nov. 6	"	"	.	.	1 00

Dec.	4	One-half day settling road account	.	.	\$1 00
	20	One-half day revising jury list, etc.	.	.	1 00
	22	Trip to Manchester and expenses	.	.	2 50
	23	One day perambulating Deering Line	.	.	2 00
Jan.	1	One-half day settling road account	.	.	1 00
Feb.	11	One day in office settling town accounts	.	.	2 00
	12	" "	.	.	2 00
	14	" "	.	.	2 00
	15	" "	.	.	2 00
		Sundry expenses	.	.	4 00
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					\$80 00

## M. L. COLBURN'S BILL.

March	9	One day at town hall	.	.	.	\$2 00
	30	One day at town office	.	.	.	2 00
	31	One-half day "	.	.	.	1 00
April	1	One day taking inventory	.	.	.	2 00
	2	"	.	.	.	2 00
	3	"	.	.	.	2 00
	5	"	.	.	.	2 00
	6	"	.	.	.	2 00
	7	"	.	.	.	2 00
	9	One day lumber inventory	.	.	.	2 00
	10	"	.	.	.	2 00
	12	One day in office	.	.	.	2 00
	13	"	.	.	.	2 00
	14	"	.	.	.	2 00
	15	"	.	.	.	2 00
	16	"	.	.	.	2 00
	17	"	.	.	.	2 00
	19	"	.	.	.	2 00
	20	"	.	.	.	2 00
	21	"	.	.	.	2 00
	22	"	.	.	.	2 00
	23	"	.	.	.	2 00
	24	"	.	.	.	2 00
	26	"	.	.	.	2 00



May	6	One day in office	.	.	.	.	\$2 00
June	5	One half day in office	.	.	.	.	1 00
July	2	One day in office	.	.	.	.	2 00
Aug.	2	One-half day in office	.	.	.	.	1 00
Sept.	4	"	.	.	.	.	1 00
Oct.	2	"	.	.	.	.	1 00
	23	One-half day Lyndeboro Line	.	.	.	.	1 00
Nov.	6	One-half day in office	.	.	.	.	1 00
Dec.	4	"	.	.	.	.	1 00
	20	"	.	.	.	.	1 00
	23	One-half day perambulating Deering Line	.	.	.	.	1 00
Jan.	1	One-half day in office	.	.	.	.	1 00
Feb.	11	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
	12	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
	14	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
	15	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
		Sundry expenses	.	.	.	.	5 62

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 \$74 62

## LEVI M. BIXBY'S BILL.

March	9	One-half day at town house	.	.	.	.	\$1 00
	30	One day in office	.	.	.	.	2 00
	31	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
April	1	One day taking invoice	.	.	.	.	2 00
	2	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
	3	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
	5	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
	6	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
	7	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
	9	Taking inventory of lumber, etc.	.	.	.	.	2 00
	10	" "	.	.	.	.	2 00
	12	In office	.	.	.	.	2 00
	13	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
	14	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
	15	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
	16	Taking inventory of lumber	.	.	.	.	2 00
	17	In office	.	.	.	.	2 00

April 19	In office	.	.	.	.	.	\$2 00
20	"	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
21	One-half day inventory of lumber	.	.	.	.	.	1 00
21	One-half day in office	.	.	.	.	.	1 00
22	One day in office	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
23	"	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
24	"	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
26	"	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
May 6	"	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
June 5	One-half day in office	.	.	.	.	.	1 00
July 2	"	.	.	.	.	.	1 00
Sept. 4	"	.	.	.	.	.	1 00
Oct. 2	"	.	.	.	.	.	1 00
3	One day perambulating New Boston Line	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
23	One-half day perambulating Lyndeboro Line	.	.	.	.	.	1 00
Nov. 6	One-half day in office	.	.	.	.	.	1 00
Dec. 4	"	.	.	.	.	.	1 00
20	"	.	.	.	.	.	1 00
23	One day perambulating Deering line	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Jan. 1	One-half day in office	.	.	.	.	.	1 00
Feb. 11	One day in office,	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
12	"	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
14	"	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
15	"	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
	Sundry expenses,	.	.	.	.	.	7 37

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 \$78 37

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF POOR.

Received of Town of Francestown . . . . .	\$130 68
Accounted for as follows :	
Paid aid to C. B. Foote, winter of 1896 and '97	\$78 51
" P. M. Foote for board of Mrs. Kemp 30 weeks at \$1.25 . . . . .	37 50
Paid board and medical attendance of Irving Merrill . . . . .	14 67
	\$130 68

Submitted by  
GEO. F. PETEE,  
*Overseer of Poor.*

### TOWN HALL AND PIANO STATEMENT.

Received for use of town hall and piano . . . . .	\$96 50
Paid A. N. Whitfield for care of hall . . . . .	\$49 50
" James T. Woodbury, wood for town hall . . . . .	3 00
" J. M. Morse, wood for town hall . . . . .	4 50
" A. N. Whitfield, sawing wood for town hall . . . . .	3 75
" Amasa Downes, supplies for town hall . . . . .	10 75
" J. W. Bruce, tuning piano . . . . .	2 50
	\$74 00
Balance in favor of the town for the use of hall and piano . . . . .	22 50
	\$96 50

### RECAPITULATION.

Paid for repairing highways . . . . .	\$1,253 42
For breaking roads . . . . .	601 63
For support of schools . . . . .	1,803 91
Sheep damage . . . . .	3 50
Miscellaneous account . . . . .	3,082 53
Town officers for services . . . . .	510 59
Town aid . . . . .	130 68
	\$7,386 26
Total paid by the town for the year . . . . .	



## STATEMENT OF TOWN'S FINANCES.

George F. Pettee's note (Clark legacy)	\$1,050 00
H. N. Whiting note . . . .	1,250 00
L. M. Bixby note . . . .	500 00
J. H. Chandler note . . . .	500 00
	<hr/> \$3,300 00

## AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Amount due on tax list 1897 . . .	\$1,150 74
Cash balance in hands of Town Treasurer	218 73
	<hr/> \$1,369 47
Leaving the town in debt . . . .	\$1,880 53

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. MORSE,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
M. L. COLBURN,	
L. M. BIXBY,	

*of*  
*Francestown.*

FRANCESTOWN, Feb. 15, 1898.

We, the undersigned Auditors for the year 1898, find the amount of taxes committed to Chas. F. Sleeper for collection, J. M. Morse, M. L. Colburn, L. M. Bixby to be as follows :

State tax . . . . .	\$1,040 00
County tax . . . . .	1,009 21
School tax . . . . .	1,568 91
Precinct tax . . . . .	45 08
Town charges . . . . .	600 00
Highway repairs . . . . .	961 52
Library appropriation . . . .	100 00
Memorial appropriation . . . .	50 00
Cemetery appropriation . . . .	50 00
Incidentals . . . . .	4 88
	<hr/> \$5,429 60

AUGUSTUS H. BIXBY,	} <i>Town</i>
S. D. DOWNES,	

*Auditors.*

## TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1898.

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Balance in Treasury, Feb. 15, 1897 . . . . .	\$302 23
Received of Chas. F. Sleeper, Tax Collector for 1896	1,363 37
"    "    Chas. F. Sleeper, Interest on Tax List, 1896	44 34
"    "    Selectmen, for old piano . . . . .	10 00
"    "    "    for use of town . . . . .	1,000 00
"    "    "    Balance due town from State . . . . .	109 61
"    "    Board of Education to pay note . . . . .	253 91
"    "    Selectmen, for dog licenses . . . . .	76 17
"    "    George Kingsbury, Executor, balance of Bequest of William Butterfield to town	70 00
Received of A. N. Whitfield, for use of town hall . . . . .	96 50
"    "    Chas. F. Sleeper, Tax Collector for 1897	4,278 86
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	\$7,604 99

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## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid by order of Selectmen for support of schools . . . . .	\$1,803 91
"    "    "    agent for highways . . . . .	1,253 42
"    "    "    for breaking roads . . . . .	601 63
"    "    "    "    sheep damage . . . . .	3 50
"    "    "    "    town officers' services . . . . .	510 59
"    "    "    "    town aid . . . . .	130 68
"    "    "    "    miscellaneous accounts	3,082 53
Balance in Treasury . . . . .	218 73
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	\$7,604 99

GEORGE E. DOWNES,  
*Town Treasurer.*

## TOWN LIBRARY.

The Trustees respectfully submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 15, 1898.

## CASH RECEIVED.

Balance on hand, Feb. 15, 1897	.	.	\$4 82
From Town Treasurer	.	.	100 00
“ Estate of Miss Jane M. Bradford	.	.	30 00
“ Books sold and from fines	.	.	6 15
			<hr/> \$140 97

## CONTRA.

Paid for new books	.	.	.	\$85 33
“ Librarian's salary	.	.	.	26 00
“ Insurance policy	.	.	.	5 00
“ Granite monthly (two years)	.	.	.	3 00
“ Postage and stationery	.	.	.	36
“ Express and freight	.	.	.	66
“ A. Downes bill	.	.	.	1 88
				<hr/> \$122 23
Balance in hands of Trustees	.	.		<hr/> \$18 74

AUGUSTUS H. BIXBY,	} Trustees.
GEORGE K. WOOD,	
JAMES T. WOODBURY,	



# SCHOOL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1898.

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## SCHOOL REPORT.

In this era of business reverses and high taxation, our financial report will doubtless be more interesting to the citizens of the town than our statement of school matters, we have therefore given the former ample space, and made the latter brief, but we trust concise.

The expenditures for the maintenance of schools during the year have amounted to \$1,539.51, with which sum five schools have been supported twenty-eight weeks, and two schools eighteen weeks. The schools in districts No. 1, No. 3, No. 4 and No. 12 being the favored five, and those in districts No. 7 and No. 8, those of shorter duration.

The teachers engaged were :— Miss Emma F. Bixby, No. 1, Summer Term ; Miss Mary L. Bryant, No. 1, Fall and Winter Terms ; Miss Minnie M. Tobie, No. 3, Primary ; Mr. George K. Wood, No. 3, Grammar ; Miss Carrie M. Downes, No. 4 ; Miss Elsie B. Downes, No. 7, Fall and Winter Terms ; Miss Mabelle A. Colburn, No. 8, Summer Term ; Miss Annie E. Hulme, No. 8, Fall Term ; Miss Mary A. Pettee, No. 12.

Doubtless so desirable a corps of teachers could not have been retained in Francestown had it not been for the fact that all are residents of the town, since the wages paid here are less than those paid in most of the neighboring towns.

The record of attendance in the several schools shows a slight increase in the number of pupils, the total membership for the year being one hundred and twenty-one. The roll of honor also we find to be more satisfactory than in previous years. However, none of the schools of the town can be said to be large, the most flourishing numerically (the Primary school in the village) having but twenty-nine scholars.

But few changes in text books can be reported. There have been, however, some notable additions made, which, we believe, have contributed substantially to the merits of our schools. The vertical

system of penmanship has found favor here despite its many very worthy depreciators. History, long an incubus, has by the introduction of superior text-books, become a popular study. Reading has also received an impetus through the same medium. Grammar and English composition need vitalizing, but English literature is upon the advance, and this may be said of many other branches, and, as a whole, our schools, we think, are of a progressive type.

Submitted,	GEORGE K. WOOD,	} <i>Board of Education.</i>
	ANNIE S. CLARK,	
	GEORGE R. SMITH,	

### ROLL OF HONOR.

#### NAMES OF PUPILS NOT ABSENT NOR TARDY FOR THE YEAR.

Ernest C. Downing.	John C. Flanders.
Amy E. Prescott.	Leon B. Bryant.
Annie V. Bryant.	James L. Woodbury.
William St. John.	Mabel A. Stevens.
Laura M. Daniels.	Alice G. Duncklee.
Florence B. Kidder.	

#### NOT ABSENT NOR TARDY FOR ONE TERM.

Bessie G. Hopkins.	Maurice C. Newton.
Marion H. Prescott.	Pearl Bryant.
Bessie Bryant.	Clarence B. Foote.
Clarence J. Daniels.	Paul C. Cummings.
Harry G. Woodbury.	Fanny E. Woodbury.
Nelson F. Flanders.	Florence A. Gebo.
Lena R. Gebo.	Warren A. Crosby.
Fred C. Gebo.	Oliver St. John.
Marianne St. John.	Murray R. Ives.
Esther E. Crosby.	Della J. Daniels.
Esther L. Foote.	Gertrude R. Henderson.
Harry R. Cochran.	David H. Cochran.
George B. Foote.	Orren Stone.
Fred D. Henderson.	Annie A. Epps.
Nettie E. Barrett.	Mabel B. Duncklee.
Rebecca S. Avery.	Ralph D. Carson.
Forest G. Carson.	Bertie P. Dodge.
Ada I. Duncklee.	Eva E. Wood.

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1898.

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Balance in Treasury, Feb. 15, 1897 . . .	\$5 27
Received of Town Treasurer . . .	1,803 91
“ “ Board of Education Lyndeboro . . .	2 75
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	\$1,811 93

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## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid by order of the Board of Education . . .	\$1,793 42
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Balance in Treasury . . . . .	18 51

GEORGE E. DOWNES,  
*Treasurer of the Board of Education.*

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

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Amount raised for schools . . . . .	\$1,315 00
“ “ to cancel debt . . . . .	253 91
Received from dog licenses . . . . .	50 62
“ “ literary fund . . . . .	71 30
“ “ town for supplies . . . . .	101 52
“ “ tuitions . . . . .	2 75
Amount in treasurer's hands last year . . . . .	5 27
	<hr/> \$1,800 37

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### PAID TEACHERS.

#### SUMMER TERM.

Carrie M. Downes, nine weeks . . . . .	54 00
George K. Wood, “ “ . . . . .	78 25
Mary A. Pettee, “ “ . . . . .	54 00
Minnie M. Tobie, “ “ . . . . .	65 25
Emma F. Bixby “ “ . . . . .	54 00
Mabelle A. Colburn “ “ . . . . .	54 00
	<hr/> \$359 50

#### FALL TERM.

Minnie M. Tobie, ten weeks . . . . .	\$72 50
Annie E. Hulme, “ “ . . . . .	60 00
George K. Wood, “ “ . . . . .	87 50
Mary A. Pettee, “ “ . . . . .	60 00
Elsie B. Downes, “ “ . . . . .	40 00
Carrie M. Downes, “ “ . . . . .	60 00
Mary L. Bryant, “ “ . . . . .	60 00
	<hr/> \$440 00

#### WINTER TERM.

George K. Wood, nine weeks . . . . .	\$78 75
Elsie B. Downes, “ “ . . . . .	54 00
Carrie M. Downes, “ “ . . . . .	54 00
Mary L. Bryant, “ “ . . . . .	54 00
Minnie M. Tobie, “ “ . . . . .	65 25
Mary A. Pettee, “ “ . . . . .	54 00
	<hr/> \$360 00



## FUEL.

James T. Woodbury, No. 3 . . .	\$25 50	
George R. Smith, No. 1 . . .	2 50	
John L. Shattuck, No. 3 . . .	38	
Hiram P. Clark, Nos. 4 and 12 . . .	15 00	
Charles P. Bryant, No. 1 . . .	4 00	
E. N. Hill, No. 7 . . .	6 00	
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		\$53 38

## CARE OF HOUSES.

Richard Gelineau, No. 4 . . .	\$1 50	
Carrie M. Downes, No. 4 . . .	4 50	
George K. Wood, No. 3 . . .	12 50	
Mary A. Pettee, No. 12 . . .	4 50	
Emma F. Bixby, No. 1 . . .	1 00	
Mabelle A. Colburn, No. 8 . . .	50	
Elsie B. Downes, No. 7 . . .	3 00	
Mary L. Bryant, No. 1 . . .	3 00	
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		\$30 50

## CARRYING SCHOLARS.

Mrs. David Cochran, 27 weeks' board . . .	\$54 00	
Mrs. Almon Dennison . . .	27 00	
Levi G. Putnam . . .	38 00	
Henry Stone . . .	30 80	
Elmer E. Wilson . . .	10 30	
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		\$160 10

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. A. S. Coburn . . .	\$ 45	
Levi G. Putnam, labor . . .	4 00	
John W. Carson, " . . .	4 50	
Mrs. A. Holt, " . . .	1 50	
Mrs. A. D. Stevens, " . . .	1 70	
Bridget Barrett, " . . .	3 50	
Samuel P. Newton, " . . .	1 50	

P. M. Foote, freight . . . .	\$1 00
E. F. Roper, labor . . . .	60
C. E. Hopkins, labor . . . .	1 00
Mrs. Fred H. Epps, labor . . . .	1 00
George R. Smith, labor and material . . . .	1 25
Mrs. C. F. Foote, labor . . . .	1 50
Town of Francestown, note . . . .	253 91
Charles P. Bryant, labor . . . .	75
John Scott, printing . . . .	1 06
Amasa Downes . . . .	8 20
Charles B. Gale . . . .	1 00
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	\$288 42

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Leach, Shewell & Sanborn . . . .	\$5 00
J. L. Hammet Co. . . .	17 04
White River Paper Co. . . .	4 59
James T. Woodbury, ink . . . .	4 00
Ginn & Co. . . .	27 52
Werner School Book Co. . . .	21 91
C. E. Ordway (1896) . . . .	20 00
Amasa Downes . . . .	1 00
Charles B. Gale . . . .	46
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	\$101 52
Total amount . . . .	<hr/>
	\$1,793 42
Sum unexpended . . . .	<hr/>
	\$6 95

## GEORGE K. WOOD.

## SERVICES AS MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD.

March 2	One-half day at school meeting . . . .	\$1 00
May 14	Visiting school . . . .	1 00
June 4	" " . . . .	1 00
18	" " . . . .	1 00
25	" two schools . . . .	1 00

Aug.	27	Repairing school buildings	.	.	\$1 00
	28	" " "	.	.	1 25
Sept.	10	Visiting school	.	.	1 00
	24	" "	.	.	1 00
Nov.	12	Visiting three schools	.	.	2 00
	26	Repairing school buildings	.	.	2 00
Dec.	4	Visiting school	.	.	1 00
	31	" "	.	.	1 00
Jan.	28	" two schools	.	.	2 00
Feb.	14, 15, 16,	settling district accounts	.	.	5 00
		Writing report to town	.	.	2 00
		Making report to State	.	.	2 00
		Attending board meeting	.	.	3 00
		Attending Institute	.	.	4 00
		Services as clerk of board	.	.	3 00
		Examining and purchasing books	.	.	2 00
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					\$39 25

### ANNIE S. CLARK.

#### SERVICES AS MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

May	6	Visiting school	.	.	.	\$1 00
	7	" " "	.	.	.	1 00
	13	" two schools	.	.	.	2 00
	28	" " "	.	.	.	2 00
June	4	" school	.	.	.	1 00
	15	" " "	.	.	.	1 00
	2	" " "	.	.	.	1 00
	24	" " "	.	.	.	2 00
	25	" " "	.	.	.	2 00
Sept.	9	" school	.	.	.	1 00
	17	" two schools	.	.	.	2 00
	29	" school	.	.	.	1 00
Oct.	21	" " "	.	.	.	1 00
Nov.	12	" " "	.	.	.	1 00
Dec.	7	" " "	.	.	.	1 00
	28	" two schools	.	.	.	2 00

Jan.	10	Visiting school	.	.	.	\$1 00
	13	" "	.	.	.	1 00
	27	" two schools	.	.	.	2 00
	28	" " "	.	.	.	2 00
		Attending board meetings and				
		Teachers' Institute	.	.		4 00
		Repairing books	.	.	.	1 75
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						\$33 75

### GEORGE R. SMITH.

#### SERVICES AS MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD.

March	2	One-half day at school meeting	.	.	.	\$1 00
May	13	Visiting school	.	.	.	1 00
	14	" "	.	.	.	1 00
June	10	" "	.	.	.	1 00
	24	" "	.	.	.	1 00
	25	" "	.	.	.	1 00
Sept.	30	" / "	.	.	.	1 00
Oct.	9	Attending Institute	.	.	.	2 00
	11	Visiting school	.	.	.	1 00
	20	" "	.	.	.	1 00
	25	" "	.	.	.	1 00
	26	" "	.	.	.	1 00
Nov.	3	" "	.	.	.	1 00
	9	" "	.	.	.	1 00
	11	" "	.	.	.	1 00
	12	" "	.	.	.	1 00
	29	" "	.	.	.	1 00
Dec.	28	" "	.	.	.	1 00
Jan.	27	" "	.	.	.	1 00
Feb.	12	Writing and posting warrants	.	.	.	1 00
	14, 15, 16,	settling district accounts	.	.	.	5 00
		Making report to State	.	.	.	1 00
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						\$27 00

One of the members of the School Board being out of town, it was impossible to obtain an itemized account.

Respectfully submitted, 
 GEORGE K. WOOD,  
 ANNIE S. CLARK,  
 GEORGE R. SMITH,
 

 } School Board  
 of  
 Francestown.



TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, IN ACCOUNT WITH GEORGE  
F. PETTEE, FOR SERVICES AND EXPENSES AS  
OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

1897.

April	7	To half day adjusting pauper bills . . .	\$1 00
May	4	To half day collecting bills . . .	1 00
	5	To one day at Manchester, settling with County Commissioners . . .	2 00
	5	To fare and expenses . . .	2 00
	8	To one-half day, paying bills, etc. . .	1 00
July		To one day receiving visitors and making calls	2 00
Sept.	22	To one day at Nashua with Co. Com's .	2 00
	22	To fare and expenses . . .	2 50
	23	To one day paying bills and fixing accounts .	2 00
	27	To one-half day visiting paupers . . .	1 00
	28	To one day at Grasmere with Irving Morrill	2 00
	28	To two fares to Grasmere . . .	2 00

1898.

Jan.	6	To one day at Manchester, settle Com's .	2 00
	6	To fare and expenses . . .	2 00
Feb.	10	To one day entertaining callers, returning calls and squaring accounts. . .	2 00

\$26 50

Submitted by

GEO. F. PETTEE.

SERVICES OF TOWN CLERK—Feb. 15, 1898. TOWN  
OF FRANCESTOWN, DR.

To JAMES T. WOODBURY, Town Clerk.

1897.

Mar.	9	To one day at Town House . . .	\$2 00
	20	To one day recording . . .	2 00
	24	One-half day posting notice for drawing jurors and notifying Selectmen . . .	1 00
	24	Drawing jurors and notifying the same .	1 00

May 27	One day recording . . . .	\$2 00
June 3	One-half day recording . . . .	1 00
July 14	Recording fires and returning same to insurance commissioners . . . .	2 00
Aug. 5	One day recording . . . .	2 00
6	One day recording . . . .	2 00
11	One-half day posting notice for drawing jurors and notifying Selectmen . . . .	1 00
20	Drawing jurors and recording the same, one-half day . . . .	1 00
23	Three-fourth day with team notifying jurors .	2 00
Nov. 24	One-half day posting jurors notice and notifying Selectmen . . . .	1 00
Dec. 24	One-half day drawing and recording the same	1 00
27	One-half day with team notifying jurors .	2 00
Jan. 11	One-half day reporting fires to insurance commissioners . . . .	1 00
12	One day reporting to State Register . .	2 00
13	One day reporting to State Register . .	2 00
14	One-half day reporting to State Register .	1 00
14	One-half day recording . . . .	1 00
	Copying perambulations . . . .	20
	One and one-half days making report of vital statistics . . . .	3 00
	To making out sixteen burial permits at 15 cts.	2 40
	To services as Town School District Clerk .	2 00
		<hr/> \$37 60

JAMES T. WOODBURY.

We hereby certify that we have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of all the town officers for the year ending February 15, 1898, and find them correctly cast and properly avouched.

AUGUSTUS H. BIXBY,	} <i>Town</i> <i>Auditors.</i>
S. D. DOWNES,	

FEBRUARY 22, 1898.

# VITAL STATISTICS.

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCETOWN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in Years.	Color of Each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of Each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	What Marriage whether 1st, 2d, etc.	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom Married.
Apr. 7	Francetown.....	{ Mark D. Richardson and Mathel Towns.....	Francetown	25	White	Section hand on R. R. House work.....	Greenfield.....	{ Stephen Richardson Mary Foote.....	Sutton.....	1st	Henry S. Ives, Francetown, Minister of the Gospel.
		{ Ralph M. Morrill.... and Rosa A. Crowell....	South Weare	16	"	House work.....	Weare.....	{ William Towns..... Sarah Lull (adopted)	South Weare..	1st	
May 2	Hillsboro Bridge..	{ John K. Felch..... and Mary Abbie Day....	Francetown	19	"	Fireman.....	New Boston....	{ Henry C. Morrill.... Mary J. Morrison...	London.....	1st	F. W. Barrows, Hillsboro, Clergyman.
			Francetown	30	"	House work.....	Francetown....	{ Harvey Nichols..... Sarah E. Stiles.....	Boston, Mass..	2d	
July 4	Greenfield .....		Francetown	30	"	Farmer .....	Tyngsboro, Mass	{ John P. Felch..... Aarn Maria Kendall	Greenfield.....	1st	P. R. Crowell, Greenfield, Minister of the Gospel.
			Greenfield ..	26	"	School teacher..	Woburn, Mass...	{ John H. Day..... Sabrianna Lewis....	Portland, Me... Greenfield.....	1st	

# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCESCTOWN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.

Date of Birth.	Name of the Child (if any).	Sex and Condition		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Place of Birth of Father.	Place of Birth of Mother.
		Male.	Female.						
Jan. 10	Harold Colburn.....	Male	.....	Frank Henry Colburn.....	Althea Sleeper Tobie.....	Francesctown.....	Carpenter ..	Francesctown.....	Francesctown, Mass.
" 11	Flora Ann Barrett.....	"	Female	Frank A. Barrett.....	Hannah J. Marsh.....	"	Farmer ...	"	Springfield, Mass.
" 20	Ralph Watson Hill.....	"	.....	Edmund N. Hill.....	Sarah A. Brown.....	"	"	"	Goffstown, N. H.
Feb. 8	Earnest Jilineau.....	"	.....	Vital Jilineau.....	Sophia Jendreau.....	"	"	Canada.....	Canada
" 22	George Washington St. John.	"	.....	Charles W. St. John.....	Annie Eliza Richard..	"	Laborer ..	Manchester, N. H.	Dorchester, N. B.
Mar. 2	Lilly Edna Gebro.....	"	.....	Nelson Gebro.....	Mary Milette.....	"	"	Woodstall, N. Y.	Kingssey, Canada.
" 23	Zephirine Philibert.....	"	.....	Frank S. Philibert.....	Maria Leclerc.....	"	"	St Elie, Canada...	Camille, Canada.
Apr. 11	Lissia May Foote.....	"	.....	Willis F. Foote.....	Veda G. Stoney.....	"	"	Francesctown.....	Weare.
May 17	Emma Philibert.....	"	.....	Theodore Philibert.....	Louise Dejoucourt...	"	"	St. Elie, Canada...	St. Flor. Canada.
May 30	Mabel Ida King.....	"	.....	Peter King.....	Ida M. Boutwell.....	"	"	Canada.....	Lyndeboro.
June 26	Carl Avery Johnson.....	"	.....	George G. Johnson.....	Carrie A. Avery.....	"	Farmer ..	Springfield N. H.	Francesctown.
July 19	Merrick Sylvester Crosby...	"	.....	Frank B. Crosby.....	Emma H. Colburn.....	"	Laborer ..	Hillsborough.....	East Washington.
" 26	Rosie May Gownes.....	"	.....	William O. Gownes.....	Jennie Maria Sweetser	"	"	Weare.....	Francesctown.
Sept. 6	Walter Ellsworth Wilson...	"	.....	Elmer Ellsworth Wilson...	Mary Louise Chantal.	"	"	Canada.....	Canada.
" 20	Arthur St. John.....	"	.....	Oliver St. John.....	Harriet M. Aldridge...	"	"	"	Hillsboro.
" 24	Anna Glee La Porte.....	"	.....	Octavien La Porte.....	Minnie Borosso.....	"	"	"	Windermill Canada
Nov. 1	Emma St. John.....	"	.....	William St. John.....	Mary Jane Slate.....	"	Quarryman	Rutland, Vt.....	Springfield, Vt.
" 7	Charles William Dunham.....	"	.....	William O. Dunham.....	"	"	Laborer ..	Francesctown.....	Lynn, Mass.
" 21	Eva Perris Foote.....	"	.....	Clarence Batchelder Foote	Laura Elita Lewis.....	"	"	"	"



# DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCESSTOWN, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex and Color.		Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male.	Female.	Color.	Father.			Mother.
Jan. 7	Abby Little Gilman .....	65	9	7	Antrim .....	..	F.	W.	Hillsborough.....	Goffstown.....	William Little .....	Abigail Wells.
Jan. 14	William Reed Sawyer .....	90	...	23	Antrim.....	M.	..	"	Goffstown.....	Litchfield ...	Samuel Sawyer .....	Susannah Reed.
Jan. 21	Abigail Stevens Sawyer .....	83	4	26	Frances town.....	..	F.	"	Boxford, Mass.....	Lyndeboro.....	Samuel Stevens ....	Abigail Epps.
Feb. 3	Charles Augustine Vose.....	71	6	17	Frances town.....	M.	..	"	Frances town.....	Frances town.....	Elisha Vose .....	Sarah Gay.
Feb. 14	Mary Pettee .....	78	9	1	Frances town.....	..	F.	"	Frances town.....	Frances town.....	Abner Pettee.....	Polly Deane.
Feb. 18	Lucy T. Rogers .....	74	1	4	Litchfield .....	..	"	"	Greenfield ....	Greenfield .....	David Rogers .....	Rebecca Pollard.
March 10	Louise Jane Smith.....	56	9	14	Deering .....	..	"	"	Deering .....	Watertown, Mass...	Isaac Mills.....	Hephzibath Webber.
April 4	Abbie Harriet Woodbury ....	37	5	5	Frances town.....	..	"	"	Frances town.....	Ogdensburg, N. Y...	Francis E. Shattuck.	Carollae M. Hartney.
May 3	John Woodbury Hastings .....	51	1	23	Mt. Vernon.....	M.	..	"	.....	.....	William Hastings...	Cynthia Lampson .....
Aug. 7	Frances Ann Vose.....	59	2	15	Greenfield .....	..	"	"	Greenfield .....	Greenfield .....	Ambrose Jaquith ...	Anna D. Holt.
Aug. 29	Emeline E. Averill .....	71	11	3	Greensboro, Vt... ..	..	"	"	.....	.....	Coolidge Waugh....	.....
Oct. 25	Susan Billings Wilson Bryant..	83	6	2	Frances town.....	..	"	"	Windham .....	Frances town.....	Alexander Wilson..	Elizabeth Fairbank.
*April 16	Nameless boy .....	....	...	...	Somerville .....	M.	....	"	Charlestown, Mass...	Frances town.....	Geo. D. Cummings..	Emma L. Pettee.
*April 19	Nameless girl . . . . .	....	...	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Somerville .....	..	"	"	Charlestown, Mass...	Frances town.....	"	"

\* Brought to Francesstown for burial.

I hereby certify that the above Return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JAMES T. WOODBURY, *Town Clerk.*







